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1. IN LIGHT OF WASHINGTON'S SUGGESTION (REF A)
THAT WE MIGHT "PUT NON-CIRCUMVENTION
ON AGENDA AS US REPORT TO MARCH 29 NAC," WE
CHECKED ON INTERNATIONAL STAFF PLANS FOR
MEETINGS DURING THAT WEEK. WE FOUND THAT NO
NAC IS SCHEDULED, BECAUSE OF THE POST-EASTER
PERIOD WHEN SOME PERMREPS AND OTHER OFFICIALS
WOULD LIKELY BE ABSENT FROM BRUSSELS AND THE
ABSENCE OF PRESSING BUSINESS.

2. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT THE US REPORT ON
NON-CIRCUMVENTION TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 5,

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WHEN THE NEXT NAC IS SCHEDULED -- IF WASHINGTON
IS PREPARED TO GO AHEAD AT THAT TIME FOLLOWING
RESPONSES TO BILATERAL APPROACHES. MOREOVER,
RATHER THAN FORMALLY PLACING THE ISSUE ON THE
AGENDA, WE WOULD PROPOSE TO ADDRESS IT IN
THE RESTRICTED PORTION OF THE NAC UNDER
"STATEMENTS ON POLITICAL SUBJECTS," AND TELL

DELEGATIONS INFORMALLY A FEW DAYS IN ADVANCE
OF OUR INTENTION.

3. IF WASHINGTON WANTS TO REPORT TO THE NAC
DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 27, WE CAN CALL FOR
A NAC OR A PRIVATE MEETING OF PERMREPS PLUS ONE.
SUCH A REQUEST WOULD, HOWEVER, FOCUS MORE
ATTENTION ON THE ISSUE THAN BRINGING IT UP AT
A REGULAR NAC MEETING WITH OTHER ITEMS ON THE
AGENDA. BENNETT

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